

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for at least slowing a vehicle moving along a surface in a direction, the method comprising;

providing two or more panels capable of extending above the surface, the two or more panels being disposed in series along the direction and spaced ~~less than a length of~~ ~~the vehicle apart such that the two or more panels are capable of operatively engaging the~~ ~~vehicle in the direction to at least slow the vehicle,~~ each of the two or more panels being independently deployable from the surface; and

deploying at least one of the two or more panels from the surface into a position extended from the surface.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising lifting at least a portion of the vehicle above the surface with the at least one of the two or more panels.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the lifting comprises lifting the entire vehicle above the surface.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising: detecting at least one of a vehicle speed, vehicle type, and vehicle weight; and controlling the at least one of the two or more panels based on the detecting.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the two or more panels are rotatably disposed on the surface, wherein each of the one two or more panels rotate in a same direction.

21. (Canceled)
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the two or more panels comprises first and second panels rotatably disposed on the surface, wherein each of the first and second panels rotate in a different and opposite direction.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, further comprising providing at least one center panel disposed between the first and second panels, the center panel being capable of being deployed into a position extended from the surface.
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising: detecting at least one of a vehicle speed, vehicle type, and vehicle weight; and controlling one or more of the first, second, and center panels based on the detecting.
25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the controlling controls the first, second, and center panels to act to regulate a speed of the vehicle.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the controlling controls one or more of the first, second, and center panels to act as a security barrier against the barrier.
- 27-29. (Canceled)

30. (Withdrawn) A method for at least slowing a vehicle moving along a surface, the method comprising;

providing first and second panels rotatably disposed on the surface and capable of extending above the surface, wherein each of the first and second panels rotate in a different and opposite direction;

providing at least one center panel disposed between the first and second panels, the center panel being capable of being deployed into a position extended from the surface;

detecting at least one of a vehicle speed, vehicle type, and vehicle weight; and controlling one or more of the first, second, and center panels based on the detecting.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30, wherein the controlling controls the first, second, and center panels to act to regulate a speed of the vehicle.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30, wherein the controlling controls one or more of the first, second, and center panels to act as a security barrier against the barrier.